

Congregational Calendar

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SUNDAY, March 3

9/10:30/11:59	Worship
9:00 am	The Nine (Youth)
9:45 am	Friends Class (102)
10:30 am	Breakfast Club (Youth)
11:30 am	CE Pizza Party (102)
11:30 am	Confirmation Mtg (Act)
5:00 pm	Family Promise Dinner (Act)
6:00 pm	SALT (off site)
6:00 pm	Handbells
7:30 pm	Teen Band/Choir

MONDAY, March 4

5:00 pm	Family Promise Dinner (FH)
7:30 pm	Youth Ed Board (Youth)

TUESDAY, March 5

1:30 pm	Congregational Conversations (LL)
5:00 pm	Family Promise Dinner (FH)
6:30 pm	Prayer Quilting (102)
6:30 pm	Fat Tuesday Potluck (FH)
7:00 pm	Adult Ed Board (304)

WEDNESDAY, March 6

7-9:00 am	Ashes to Go (outside)
9:00 am	WOW (FH)
3:00 pm	D&D (Youth & FH)
4-6:00 pm	Ashes to Go (outside)
5:00 pm	Family Promise Dinner (Youth)
5:00 pm	revoice (Choir)
5:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday (FH/Act/Choir)
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
8:30 pm	Men's Ensemble

THURSDAY, March 7

5:00 pm	Family Promise Dinner (FH)
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FRIDAY, March 8

6:30 am	Sunrise Men's Breakfast (Yours Truly)
5:00 pm	Family Promise Dinner (FH)

SATURDAY, March 9

10:00 am	Al-Anon Newcomers (120)
11:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (102)
11:00 am	Alateen (Act)
5:00 pm	Family Promise Dinner (FH)

Coffee Hour during the month of March is provided through the generosity of the members of Stewardship and Investments.

NEW 2019 FLOWER CHART The 2019 Flower Chart is hanging on the hallway bulletin board. If you would like to dedicate sanctuary flowers in loving memory or in honor of a loved one, sign up today!



Today's Scripture: John 15:12-13

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 3, 2019

Wherever you are on your journey... you are welcome here.

Guests are encouraged to participate in any of the church's varied activities or support groups. Contact the Church Office (330) 650-4048 for more information or check off your interests on the back of the Connection Card.

Fat Tuesday - March 5, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a fabulous Fat Tuesday Potluck Dinner and Celebration! Bring your favorite decadent dish that serves 8-10 people to share. Live New Orleans jazz music provided! RSVP to the church office (330) 650-4048 or on Sunday mornings at the Project Live Well station.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm.

Come admit your need of God—repent. Sing, pray, reflect. Receive God's mercy and healing. *Child care available.*

Project Live Well Lenten Study - On March 10—April 14, we'll take a deep dive into living well - serving with love, connecting in faith, and sharing our story - with two 1.5 hour options to participate:

- 1. Large Group:** Sundays, 5-6:30 pm (meal included)
Children's program provided
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Good for those not interested in a small group setting
- 2. Small Group:** Different times/days available
Childcare available for most groups
Lay Leader
More intimate setting

This study will act as a springboard for the rest of the year - so please join us and register today! For more information see the Project Live Well table after services in Fellowship Hall, or contact Steve Hockstra at shockstra@hudsonucc.org.

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Dhreoma Burford and children in memory of Dr. Arthur E. Burford

Ralph Vaughan Williams was born into England's upper class in 1872. There hadn't been a composer of any substance in England since the days of the Renaissance and Thomas Tallis, William Byrd and Henry Purcell. Together with Gustav Holst, his friend of more than 40 years, Vaughan Williams resurrected English music and coupled it with the rich, but largely undiscovered, folk tradition of the British Isles.

Dona Nobis Pacem was written in 1936, as rumors of war were spreading throughout Europe. Vaughan Williams had served in WWI, having been involved in the battle at Ypres, Belgium, where 1,265,000 soldiers were killed. He knew about war personally.

The text of this cantata is based largely on poems by Walt Whitman. Walt Whitman served as a nurse in the Civil War and wrote about his experiences there. So, this piece is written not from a speculative point of view, but with a realistic visage, by two people who had experienced the ravages of war in person, separated by only two generations. From this unique perspective comes *Dona Nobis Pacem*.

The original orchestration was quite large, and therefore only professional orchestras and colleges with large choirs had the forces to perform it, so it has not received the wide audience that a great piece such as this deserves. However, last year, Jonathan Rathbone (formerly of The Swingle Singers!) was commissioned by Oxford University Press to write a chamber orchestration of the piece, so as to enable more choruses and orchestras to perform it. We will be performing the Midwest premiere of that orchestration this morning.

This is our fifth anniversary of the choral/orchestral experience, melding local community singers with professional instrumentalists, singing great music normally beyond the reach of most ensembles. It is a rare, live opportunity to hear some of the finest choral music ever written, sung by folks who might be your next-door neighbor. It is our hope that this music in worship will inspire you to live in peace and to support your local singing ensembles, whether they be church or community-based.

Dr. Thomas M. Scott

Dona Nobis Pacem Sponsors

Violin I - Daniel Clark & Deborah Venesy

Violin II - George & Diana Finkes

Cello - Curt & Sigrid Reynolds

Bass - Barbara McAdoo and

Eric & Kristi Riggle

Harp - Barbara McAdoo

Organ - Jon Stein & Nancy Stillwagon

Timpani - Dr. Tom & Ann Scott

Horn I - Jerry & Karen Hajarian

Percussion I - Walt Guldan &

Erika Federmann

Trumpet - The Music Board

Adult Ministry

For questions, contact Kathy Yeakley, (330) 650-4048, or kyeakley@hudsonucc.org.

FYI (Feeling Young Inside) Luncheon and Program - Monday, March 18 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Join photographer Dave Longfellow as he explores themes of history, home and family through a series of three "mini portfolios" of images taken from his camera work over the past several years. Reserve your spot on the Connection Card, call the church office or email Kathy at (kyeakley@hudsonucc.org).

Adult Faith Formation

For opportunities in Adult Faith Formation, contact Steve Hockstra, (330) 650-4048 or shockstra@hudsonucc.org.

ROMEOS, "Retired Older Men Eating Out," will meet on **Tuesday, March 12** at 12:30 pm at Lager and Vine for lunch and fellowship. Contact Henry Vigor: hkvigor@windstream.net.

Congregational Conversations - Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30, at Laurel Lake Mixing Place #1. Led by Steve Hockstra for all who wish to participate.

Small Home Study Groups - Connecting ... Equipping ... Transforming

- Do you want to explore the possibility of growing in your faith and connect with others?
- Are you curious about what a small home study group offers?
- Are you interested in joining or forming a small home study group?

Small home study groups offer social connections, trust, faith, fun and fellowship and are now forming. If you are interested in learning more or have questions, contact Bob Carleton: bobcarleton@adjob.com.

Trinity Household/Clothing Ministry - Looking for a place to donate clothing or household items? Please visit the Outreach Info Station for a list of needed items and drop off information!

Need a ride to an appointment? Called to Care is here for you. Just let us know!

Called to Care transportation volunteers seek to help people in times of need, like an illness or injury. They provide church members and friends with transportation for occasional needs, like a medical appointment or treatment. **Coordinator Tom Hudson will connect you with a driver (330) 650-1199 or tghudson@juno.com.**

Youth Ministry

For Youth opportunities, contact Callie Baylor cbaylor@hudsonucc.org or Amy Baldwin abaldwin@hudsonucc.org.

High School and Middle School - Join us in the Youth Room during the **9:00 and 10:30 am** services for donuts and discussions.

High Schoolers - Today is communion Sunday, so we invite you to attend worship with your family. SALT tonight is a service project with some really cool folks from Build Corps. We hope all students signed up for ASP will join us for another great opportunity to practice using some power tools, this time to build garden boxes for some local residents. Please meet at church at 5:15 pm. We will return by 8:00 pm.

Middle Schoolers - D&D meets this **Wednesday, 3:00-5:00 pm** for a trip to Farinacci's pizza! Meet at church at 3:00 pm and we'll walk together. We will be back in time for our regular 5:00 pm end time. The cost is \$3 and friends are welcome.

Confirmation - Please attend the 11:59 service with your mentor and then join us in the Activity Room for lunch and our meeting.

All Students - If you have any gently used shoes to donate to the Findley Footwear Challenge, please drop them off in the Youth Room any time.

Children's Ministry

For opportunities in Children's Ministry, contact Dee Buchanan or Katie Morgan: (330) 650-4048, ext. 301 or email dbuchanan@hudsonucc.org; kmorgan@hudsonucc.org.

Plastic Easter Eggs Wanted! Please drop them off in the workroom. Thanks!

A Fun and Easy Sewing Project!! - We need a couple people to shorten four to five graduation gowns! Please contact Katie (kmorgan@hudsonucc.org) if you can help!

Vacation Bible School 2019 - Save the Date! The Apprentice 29 AD, **June 3-6**, 5:30-8:00 pm (dinner included). Please contact Katie (kmorgan@hudsonucc.org) for more information!

Women's Ministry

LIFT Annual Luncheon at Noble House - Save the Date! Thursday, May 2 at 12:00 noon. All women of the church are invited. There will not be a special program—**just conversation and fellowship!** The cost of the luncheon is \$16.00 and includes gratuity. (Your check will confirm your reservation.) Please RSVP by **Monday, April 29** by calling or stopping by the Church Office (330) 650-4048.

CANTATA DONA NOBIS PACEM

I.

*Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona nobis pacem.*

II.

Beat! Beat! Drums! - Blow! Bugles! Blow!
Through the windows— through the doors—burst like a ruthless force,
Into the solemn church, and scatter the congregation,
Into the school where the scholar is studying;
Leave not the bridegroom quiet—no happiness must he have now with his bride,
Nor the peaceful farmer any peace, ploughing his field, or gathering in his grain,
So fierce you whirr and pound you drums—so shrill you bugles blow.

Beat! Beat! Drums!—Blow! Bugles! Blow!
Over the traffic of cities—over the rumble of wheels in the streets;
Are beds prepared for the sleepers at night in the houses? No sleepers must sleep in those
beds,
No bargainers' bargains by day—would they continue?
Would the talkers be talking? Would the singer attempt to sing?
Then rattle quicker, heavier drums—you bugles wilder blow.

Beat! Beat! Drums!—Blow! Bugles! Blow!
Make no parley—stop for no expostulation,
Mind not the timid—mind not the weeper or prayer,
Mind not the old man beseeching the young man,
Let not the child's voice be heard, nor the mother's entreaties,
Make even the trestles to shake the dead where they lie awaiting the hearses,
So strong you thump O terrible drums—so loud you bugles blow.

WALT WHITMAN.

III. Reconciliation

Word over all, beautiful as the sky,
Beautiful that war and all its deeds of carnage must in time be utterly lost,
That the hands of the sisters Death and Night incessantly, softly, wash again and ever again
this soiled world;
For my enemy is dead, a man divine as myself is dead,
I look where he lies white-faced and still in the coffin—I draw near,
Bend down and touch lightly with my lips the white face in the coffin.

WALT WHITMAN.

IV. Dirge For Two Veterans

The last sunbeam
Lightly falls from the finished Sabbath,
On the pavement here, and there beyond it is looking
Down a new-made double grave.

Lo, the moon ascending,
Up from the east the silvery round moon,
Beautiful over the house-tops, ghastly, phantom moon,
Immense and silent moon.

I see a sad procession,
And I hear the sound of coming full-keyed bugles,
All the channels of the city streets they're flooding
As with voices and with tears.

I hear the great drums pounding,
And the small drums steady whirring,
And every blow of the great convulsive drums
Strikes me through and through.

For the son is brought with the father,
In the foremost ranks of the fierce assault they fell,
Two veterans, son and father, dropped together,
And the double grave awaits them.

Now nearer blow the bugles,
And the drums strike more convulsive,
And the daylight o'er the pavement quite has faded,
And the strong dead-march enwraps me.

In the eastern sky up-buoying,
The sorrowful vast phantom moves illumined,
"Tis some mother's large transparent face,
In heaven brighter growing.

O strong dead-march you please me!
O moon immense with your silvery face you soothe me!
O my soldiers twain! O my veterans passing to burial!
What I have I also give you.

The moon gives you light,
And the bugles and the drums give you music,
And my heart, O my soldiers, my veterans,
My heart gives you love.

WALT WHITMAN

V.

The Angel of Death has been abroad throughout the land; you may almost hear the beating of his wings. There is no one as of old ... to sprinkle with blood the lintel and the two side-posts of our doors, that he may spare and pass on.

JOHN BRIGHT.

Dona nobis pacem.

We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!
The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan; the whole land trembled at the
sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come and have devoured
the land ... and those that dwell therein ...

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved...
Is there no balm in Gilead?; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the
daughter of my people recovered?

JEREMIAH VIII. 15-22.

VI.

"O man greatly beloved, fear not, peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong."
DANIEL X. 19.

"The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former... and in this place will I give
peace."

HAGGAI II. 9.

"Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
And none shall make them afraid, neither shall the sword go through their land.
Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven
Open to me the gates of righteousness, I will go into them.

Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled; and let them
hear, and say, it is the truth.

And it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues.

And they shall come and see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and they shall
declare my glory among the nations.

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me,
so shall your seed and your name remain for ever."

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men

(Adapted from Micah iv. 3, Leviticus xxvi. 6, Psalms lxxxv. 10, and cxviii. 19,
Isaiah xliii. 9, and lxvi. 18-22, and Luke ii. 14.)

Dona nobis pacem.